

REMARKS

Claims:

Claims 3, 4, 6, 10, 11, 13, 18, 19, 21, 25, 26 and 28 comprise the case, each rewritten into independent form. Claims 1, 2, 5, 7-9, 12, 14-17, 20, 22-24, 27, 29 and 30 are canceled.

Allowable subject matter:

The Examiner indicated that Claims 3, 4, 6, 10, 11, 13, 18, 19, 21, 25, 26 and 28 "would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims."

The claims are rewritten as suggested by the Examiner and are therefore submitted to be allowable.

Applicants thus respectfully request allowance of Claims 3, 4, 6, 10, 11, 13, 18, 19, 21, 25, 26 and 28, and issuance of the case.

Typographical error:

Claim 26 is amended to correct a typographical error "rebot" to state "robot".

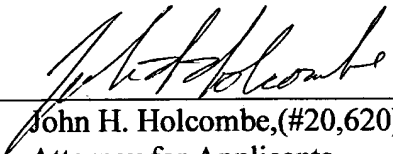
Cited Patents:

The patents cited by the Examiner have been examined and as best understood, do not teach or suggest Applicants' claimed invention. The Examiner cited USPN 6,205,093, Abbott et al.; USPN 5,963,514, Kanetsuku et al.; USPN 5,872,751, Utsumi et al.; and USPN 5,703,843, Katsuyama et al. Applicants submit that none of the cited patents teach, either singly or in combination, the present invention as described and claimed in Applicants' Claims 3, 4, 6, 10, 11, 13, 18, 19, 21, 25, 26 and 28.

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Accordingly, Applicants believe the present invention distinguishes over the cited patents and respectfully requests that the Examiner allow Applicants' Claims 3, 4, 6, 10, 11, 13, 18, 19, 21, 25, 26 and 28.

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